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SALIM AND KAMANDA WA KAMANDA

1. TANZANIAN UN AMBASSADOR AND PRESIDENT OF THE DE-COLONIZATION COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED NATIONS SALIM A. SALIM ARRIVED IN MAPUTO YESTERDAY. ADDRESSING PRESS UPON ARRIVAL, SALIM SAID, "FOR THE FIRST TIME IT IS POSSIBLE TO ORGANIZE A CONFERENCE OF THIS NATURE--A CONFERENCE OF GOVERNMENTS, ESSENTIALLY, OF REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENTS OF A REPRESENTATIVE SECTION OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY." SALIM ADDED, "THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO SUPPORT THE PEOPLES OF ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA HAS GREAT IMPORTANCE FROM THE POLITICAL, MORAL, MATERIAL, AND PSYCHOLOGICAL POINTS OF VIEW FOR THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, AND ALSO FROM THE POINT OF

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VIEW OF EDUCATING CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS ABOUT THE NATURE OF THE STRUGGLE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA."

2. WHEN ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE NEW ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN FOR RHODESIA, SALIM REPLIED THAT THE UN DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE HAS ALWAYS DEFENDED THE POINT OF VIEW THAT THE ZIMBABWE STRUGGLE OUGHT TO BE SUPPORTED IN THE FULLEST

SENSE OF THW ROD AND THAT THE COMMITTEE ALWAYS SUPPORTED ANY INITIATIVE WHICH WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION. SALIM ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT WHENEVER NEW INITIATIVES WERE BEING DISCUSSED, THE RESPONSIBILITY OF GREAT BRITAIN MUST BE EMPHASIZED. "WE CONSIDER THE UNITED KINGDOM AS BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA. WE CONSIDER THAT COUNTRY AS THE RESPONSIBLE CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY FOR RHODESIA." SALIM DID NOT MAKE DETAILED COMMENTS ABOUT THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN, BUT IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION STATED, "YOU CANNOT TALK ABOUT A PEACEFUL SOLUTION FOR ZIMBABWE, WHERE WAR ALREADY EXISTS. YOU CAN SPEAK ABOUT A LESS VIOLENT SOLUTION OF A NEGOTIATED SITUATION."

3. SALIM EMPHASIZED THAT, AS THE SAME TIME, IT WAS NECESSARY TO CREATE CONDITIONS WHICH WOULD PERMIT A NEW SOLUTION. HE LISTED THESE AS THE: (1) THE INTENSIFICATION OF THE ARMED STRUGGLE BY THE ZIMBABWE PATRIOTIC FRONT; (2) THE INTENSIFICATION OF SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA; (3) THE INTENSIFICATION OF SUPPORT TO THE LIBERATION MOVEMENT ON THE PART OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. EXPANDING ON THE FIRST POINT, THE INTENSIFICATION OF THE ARMED STRUGGLE, SALIM STRESSED THAT THE ARMED STRUGGLE "IS ONE OF THE ESSENTIAL CONDITIONS FOR A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION. THE ARMED STRUGGLE IS A KEY FACTOR. ALL EFFORTS MADE TO INTENSIFY IT WILL BE WELCOMED."

4. ASKED ABOUT THE CONTACTS MADE BY THE WESTERN POWERS WITH PRETORIA ABOUT NAMIBIA, SALIM STATED THAT HE KNEW UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT THE CONTACTS HAD BEEN MADE ON THE BASIS OF RESOLUTION 385 OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, AND ALL CONTACTS MADE ON THE BASIS OF THAT RESOLUTION "WILL NOT BE OPPOSED BY US." SALIM EXPLAINED THAT RESOLUTION 385 SOUGHT A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE QUESTION OF NAMIBIA, AND THAT THE WESTERN POWERS HAD A PARTICULAR RESPONSIBILITY TO RESOLVE THE QUESTION BECAUSE OF THEIR INTERESTS IN THE REGION. SALIM CALLED THE TURNHALL CONFERENCE "A FARCE" WHOSE ONLY OBJECTIVE WAS TO PERPETUATE THE ILLEGAL PRESENCE OF SOUTH AFRICA IN NAMIBIA. SALIM ADDED "ALL TYPES OF MANEUVERS, WHETHER THEY ARE CALLED "TURNHALLE" OR ANY OTHER NAME, WHICH HAVE AS AN OBJECTIVE TO PERPETUATE THE SOUTH AFRICAN PRESENCE, WILL NOT BE TOLERATED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY."

5. ALSO ARRIVING YESTERDAY WAS THE PRESIDENT OF THE UN COMMISSION FOR NAMIBIA, KAMANDA WA KAMANDA. ECHOING COMMENTS MADE BY SALIM, KAMANDA SAID, "THERE ARE ONLY TWO OPTIONS TO SOLVE THIS ISSUE-A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION OR

ARMED STRUGGLE." IF ANYONE WERE TO SAY THAT HE WAS GOING
TO EFFECT NEGOTIATIONS TO IMPLEMENT RESOLUTION 385, WE
WILL SUPPORT HIM BECAUSE HE WILL COMPLEMENT OUR OWN
EFFORTS.CARSON

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